Celebrating...

36 Years of Teamwork

STARS GCN Award ...Consolidating Systems
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Teaming for Success

STARS Recognized By Government Computer News (GCN)

FMSO/DFAS Team Receive GCN Award for Excellence
... Cutting-edge Programs Improving Services

FMSO/DFAS Team Accepting GCN Award

Front row from left: FMSO's Commanding Officer, CAPT Jim Martin, and Joyce Lerch, Thomas Temin (GCN), George Benko (DFAS). Second row: (FMSO's) Ron Santo, LCDR Eric Berry, Flo Moran, CDR Jon Schauber, CDR Basil Bates

The Navy Fleet Material Support Office and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) were co-recipients of one of ten Federal Agency Awards for Excellence, presented by Government Computer News at a ceremony on 29 October 1997 in Washington, D. C. The GCN Awards honor federal agencies for application of information technology to improve services delivery. FMSO and DFAS were recognized for their work on the Standard Accounting and Reporting System (STARS), the general funds accounting system widely used throughout the Navy. Captain Jim Martin, Commanding Officer of FMSO, accepted the award.

The FMSO/DFAS team has successfully consolidated a number of stand-alone financial and accounting systems in the present day STARS system. The team is responsible for the design and implementation of this modern state-of-the-art Information System which incorporates Electronic Data Interchange/Electronic Funds Transfer and a worldwide communications network.

Honor and Integrity

INTERNET/LAN SUPPORT

FMSO Internet Firewall Team...
Partnering with NAVTRANS, FISC Norfolk, and SALTS

The Navy Transportation Support Center (NAVTRANS) welcomed FMSO's Internet Firewall Team in December. The team conducted a site survey in preparation for firewall implementation planned for the summer '98. While in the Norfolk area, the team made an unscheduled visit to FISC Norfolk's Technical Information Center and helped solve firewall issues, shared lessons learned, and provided advice on security issues.

The team also visited with Streamlined Automated Logistics Transmission System (SALTS) personnel in Philadelphia in November to review the SALTS ADP security posture.
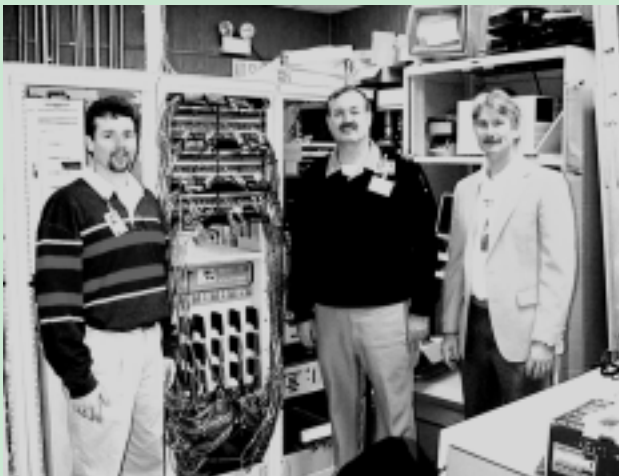
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Above from left: Ron Black (NAVTRANS) and Tim Thompson (FMSO) discuss network topology to configure a firewall security solution.

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Above from left: FMSO's Dirk Henry, LCDR Bill Swain and Ron Black (NAVTRANS) pause after completing final touches on the network diagram for NAVTRANS.

From left: Tim Thompson (FMSO), Rob Hammer (FISC Norfolk), and Dirk Henry (FMSO) discuss recommended solutions to solve firewall issues.

Employee Excellence

BUSINESS SYSTEMS

LOGISTICS

Partnering/CNARF

FMSO continues to support FISC partnerships which allow the consolidation of inventory management and automated data processing, plus increased asset sharing. FISC San Diego will partner with six Commander Naval Reserve Force's (CNARF) activities beginning in February 1998. They are: Joint Reserve Base (JRB) New Orleans, NAR Santa Clara, NAS Atlanta, NAF Washington, JRB Willow Grove and JRB Ft. Worth. All activities are still operating on the Burroughs system and will be partnered over the next few months to the IBM platform with San Diego.

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On-Line Replenishment Review (OLRR)

OLRR has been successfully implemented at FISC Norfolk. This interactive, client-server application provides FISC Item Managers on-line capability to review and approve buy packages, distribute and monitor workload, and track status of replenishment funds. OLRR leverages cutting edge technology to deliver highly desired business process functionality to the user. OLRR was previously implemented at FISC San Diego. FMSO is working with NAVSUP to assess the marginal cost and expected return on investment for implementation of OLRR at the remaining FISC sites.

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Corporate Logistics Engineering Project (CLEP)

Our partners, PRC and Oracle, have been conducting interviews with senior NAVICP, NAVSUP and FMSO managers for input to the NAVICP Information Technology (IT) Transition Plan. This plan will provide an IT foundation for NAVICP's strategic vision of building an architecture that is "seamlessly compatible with the Global Command Support System (GCSS), Internet, and our supply chain partners."

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TRIDENT Logistic Data System (LDS)

The TRIDENT LDS interface with Micro Planned Maintenance Requirements (MPMR) was completed in early October at the TRIDENT Refit Facility, Kings Bay, GA. User training by FMSO personnel and the SPAWAR Systems Center Chesapeake (formerly NAVMASSO) was conducted as part of this implementation. MPMR is the information management tool for scheduling multiple repetitive maintenance actions. The LDS interface replaces the current Maintenance Requirement Management System-TYCOM Representative Component and MPMR interface. This implementation allows scheduling maintenance against multiple equipments using a single Job Control Number, provides 3M reporting at the individual equipment level, and adds increased functionality to the LDS. This change was requested by the fleet (SUBLANT) to enhance support efforts for improved maintenance coordination.

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DLA Asset Visibility Deployment

FMSO, Defense MegaCenter Jacksonville, and FISC Jacksonville successfully teamed to implement DLA Asset Visibility at FISC Jacksonville in late November. The installation represented one of the largest UADPS-SP releases in recent history...over 300 UADPS-SP and Tandem programs affecting 24 different applications. The implementation provides visibility by site of DLA material across all inventory files, allowing a review of DLA wholesale inventory by site. The implementation will permit better inventory replenishment decisions. Implementations at FISCs San Diego, Norfolk, Puget Sound, and Pearl Harbor are planned for the second quarter of FY 98.

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Customer Focus

BUSINESS SYSTEMS (cont)...

UICP IDMS

A firm-fixed price contract has been awarded to FEDDATA Corp. to provide an objective, third-party review of Computer Associate's IDMS database management tool. IDMS has been used as the data base management system for UICP since 1987. FMSO is working with NAVICP on this issue to evaluate the viability of IDMS for the future. The results of this evaluation process will provide key input to many of the ongoing strategic information technology planning issues that are currently in the mix, such as the Corporate Logistics Engineering Project.

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Distribution Standard System (DSS)

This project interfaces UADPS-SP with DLA's Distribution Standard System. DSS is the standard system for all Defense Depots (DD). FMSO completed an Integrated Systems Test and began the DSS Functional Test in November in Jacksonville with the DSS test bed in Ogden, Utah. The Functional Test was conducted in mid December. The next phase of the project will be an Environmental Test to be held in Jacksonville early March to early April followed by implementation at FISC/DD Jacksonville beginning in mid April.

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FINANCIAL

STARS/FL Iceland Conversion

The STARS/Field Level Implementation Team converted the Level II Resource Management System to STARS/FL at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland in November. This legacy system conversion went smoothly as the result of joint efforts by FMSO and NAS Keflavik personnel.

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NAS Keflavik's Bjarni Dagbjartsson, Hrefna Gunnarsdottir, and Kritjan Jonsson provided timely support to FMSO's Implementation Team.

NAS Keflavik's Bjarni Dagbjartsson and FMSO's Boni Park reviewing the STARS/FL schedule.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Year 2000 Conference

A Year 2000 Conference was hosted by NAVSUP in Mechanicsburg November 18 - 20. The conference provided a forum for the NAVSUP and FMSO Year 2000 teams to disseminate policy and strategy guidance, as well as the latest year 2000 technology information to the NAVSUP supported sites. The conference provided an opportunity for sites to report on the progress of their individual Year 2000 conversion efforts. Participants included at least one representative from the following locations: NAVICP Mechanicsburg and Philadelphia; FISCs Norfolk, Jacksonville, San Diego, Puget Sound, Pearl Harbor, Yokosuka; Navy Exchange Service Command; Naval Transportation Support Center; Fitting Out & Supply Support Assistance Center; and the Navy Petroleum Office.

Members of NAVSUP and FMSO 's Year 2000 teams presented a variety of technical information briefings including: Year 2000 testing strategy; COBOL conversion; mandatory Year 2000 compliance contract provisions; embedded chips; and PC compliance information. Representatives departed with a greater awareness of the vast scope of the Year 2000 challenge.

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- FMSO Partners with FISC Yokosuka Training Staff -

In November, FMSO assisted FISC Yokosuka with the conversion and implementation of Registrar, a training administration on-line system. This system provides a complete database of training information and automates a full range of training administration functions that include: developing employees training plans and histories; conducting needs assessments; tracking and reporting training schedules; course registrations, completions, cancellations and substitutions; training hours and costs; unfilled billets, instructor and vendor information. The conversion of Registrar from DOS to a Windows environment enables FISC Yokosuka to more effectively administer their training program. Conversion efforts included redesign of the data dictionaries, establishing security profiles, functions and look-up tables, auditing and dividing the existing single database into smaller multi-year databases.

The FISC Yokosuka Registrar system was implemented in a network environment to provide multi-user access. As part of the implementation, a set of ad hoc reports were created for FISC training administrators. User training was conducted and system documentation provided. A review of training procedures was also conducted and recommendations made to effect improvements using the implemented system.

FMSO will continue to provide consultation support to FISC Yokosuka throughout the coming year. If you would like information on the Registrar system, contact the FMSO Registrar System Administrator.

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FMSO's Registrar System Administrator Debra Sheaffer

Innovative and Responsive

WHAT'S HAPPENING (cont)...

Introducing FMSO to CMDP Visitors

FMSO hosted members of NAVSUP's 1998 Corporate Management Development Program (CMDP) in late October. The visitors were welcomed by FMSO Executive Officer, Captain Greg Pearsall and were introduced to FMSO's organization and operation as a full-service information technology provider. Presentations demonstrating how we are applying internet technology, supporting the Navy's Year 2000 Challenge, and FMSO's award winning Navy Total Asset Visibility Project provided a sampling of FMSO's challenging efforts.

CMDP members listen to FMSO briefing.

Capt Greg Pearsall explains FMSO's operations.

Reuse Library Implemented at FMSO

FMSO implemented a Reuse Library in late October 1997. The Reuse Library acts as a repository for information technology assets such as code, graphics, designs, lessons learned, and documentation. The purpose of this repository is to make these assets readily available to system designers and developers. This ready access will allow personnel to take advantage of lessons learned, and adapt proven approaches to development issues. The repository will save development and maintenance time through the deployment of reusable components across multiple software system applications. The intended result is better systems developed in less time, and at lower costs.

Although this library was initially made available for FMSO information technology professionals, plans are to expand its capability and access for use by the NAVSUP corporate community. The library is based on a Lotus Notes platform and a COTS package, InQuisiX Pro. The library has many features. Locating assets is simple and there is a discussion database for posting issues, questions, problems and solutions. You can register to be notified when an asset is added in a category you are interested in or when an asset is modified. Assets can be located on the Reuse server or remain in place. Library assets will be tracked and metrics will be generated to allow FMSO to determine its Reuse-associated savings. An on-line Reuse Library training course has been released which teaches developers and managers to use the library features and submit assets. For further information, call the FMSO Reuse Library Manager.

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